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SUBJECT: MODALITIES FOR GOF-IEA CONSULTATION

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1. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER DISCUSSED THE
MODALITIES OF GOF-IEA CONSULTATIONS DURING A
CONVERSATION WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY ENERGY DIRECTOR
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ENGELMANN ON JANUARY 10. ENGELMANN SAID THAT HE TOO

HAD RECEIVED A REPORT OF THE DAVIGNON-ULRICH MEETING REFLECTING A HARD LINE FRENCH POSITION BUT THAT HE TENDED TO DISCOUNT THIS REPORT AS REFLECTING MORE A TACTICAL BARGAINING POSITION AND THE VIEWS OF CERTAIN PERSONALITIES WITHIN THE FRENCH BUREAUCRACY RATHER THAN A HARD AND FAST FRENCH POSITION. IN THIS CONTEXT HE NOTED THAT A FRENCH DELEGATION (INCLUDING CABOVAT) HAD VISITED HIM FROM PARIS THAT MORNING AND HAD LEFT HIM WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH WERE PREPARED TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE THAN THE REPORT FROM PARIS MIGHT LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE. ENGELMANN SAID THAT THIS TOPIC WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING JANUARY 20 AS WELL AS THE SCHMIDT/GISCARD DISCUSSIONS ON FEBRUARY 3-4.

2. DURING THE CONVERSATION WE ASKED ENGELMANN FOR HIS VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE. ENGELMANN RESPONDED THAT CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS EXISTED IN ALL THREE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AREAS, CONSERVATION, FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY AND NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND HE REMARKED THAT OF THE THREE PERHAPS THE FINANCIAL ISSUES MIGHT BE THE EASIEST TO RESOLVE. HE SAID HE WAS AWAITING WITH INTEREST THE US PROPOSALS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AS WELL AS THE LATEST US THINKING ON THE PROBLEMS OF DOWNSIDE RISK.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE TARGET MARCH MEETING, ENGELMANN SAID THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S HAD RESERVED TO THEMSELVES PERSONALLY THE QUESTIONS OF VENUE, PARTICIPANTS, ETC. SO THAT THE LOWER LEVEL GERMAN PARTICIPANTS IN ANY WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF THESE ISSUES WOULD BE EXTREMELY LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISCUSSION.
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